

MINUTES

LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 16, 2022

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Roxanne Wadman, David Cordell, Jim Heim, Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, Rebecca Good, Secretary.

ABSENT:

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:03PM

AGENDA: Director Liechti requested that the new business be discussed prior to old business. A motion was made by Director Wadman to accept the agenda with the proposed changes. Director Heim seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Cyndi Heath, Bill Eisenlohr, Betsy Robinson, Lana Batts, Jane Peterson, Vickie Cariveau, Christina Schroeder, Nancy Baker

Betsy Robinson led the conversation with the Board of directors in discussing the concern that the Board of Directors President Marc Liechti is also the owner of the engineering firm that is representing the Alpine Slide Project. Director Liechti confirmed that he would recuse himself from all Board matters regarding the Alpine Slide Project. The visitors also expressed concern regarding district capacity. The Board of Directors explained how capacity is calculated and how they use those calculations to determine expansion. General Manager Olson did confirm that a will serve letter has been provided to the Alpine Slide Project. The will serve letter allows the developer to submit his application to Flathead County Health department (the governing authority over sewer & water). He explained that his decision was fact based on the information that was formally presented to him in writing. Further discussion was had in regard to the Districts history and commitment to maintaining safe, clean water for the all customers in the District as well as Flathead Lake.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the July 19, 2022, Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by General Manager Olson. A motion was made by Director Fleming to approve the financial report. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for July 2022 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed. The credit card statement for July 2022 was also reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the bills. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Progress continues in collecting payment from delinquent accounts.

NEW BUSINESS:

LS#1 Pumps & Panel: General Manager Olson presented a quote to replace the 35-year-old pumps and panel due to a pump failure at Lift Station 1. Director Cordell approved the project. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

Don Rudie Easement: General Manager Olson brought it to the attention of the Board that the 10-year easement that was issued to Don Rudie is set to expire in October 2022. General Manager Olson has a letter from Don Rudie detailing his intended use of the property. The Board agreed to a one-year lease renewal while going through the DEQ process to add another large building on the property. General

Manager Olson will inform Mr. Rudie, the one-year extension will not allow construction equipment and machinery to use the residential easement.

Director Liechti left the meeting at 3:52PM. Director Wadman took over remaining agenda items.

Hall & Brass Wells – Lightning Damage: General Manager Olson discussed the extensive damage that was done to the Hall and Brass Wells due to a recent lightning storm. Discussion was had of the scope of work expected, as well as possibly updating the technology, pending cost. The damage was reported to our insurance company for review.

Maxine Drive water Leak: General Manager Olson informed the board regarding a water leak that was repaired over the last month on Maxine Drive. General Manager Olson also informed the Board that this water main should be replaced in the near future noting the cost would be approximately \$40,000 for the 700-foot section. The Board agreed and will discuss a timeline in a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alpine Slide Project: Discussion was had with visitors about the Alpine Slide Project.

Sewer ARPA Planning: General Manager Olson provided a status update on the treatment site expansion. General Manager Olson stated that the District was awarded a substantial SRF forgiveness grant of \$573,190.00. General Manager Olson stated that the test well drillers for the ground water discharge permit, will start drilling for the test holes next week.

Septage Receiving station: General Manager Olson provide a status update on the septage receiving station. He noted that he had arranged a meeting with a property owner who would like to sell his property to the county for a possible septage receiving station and composting facility near our treatment site. Flathead County found the property to be favorable for this application and will proceed to enter into a buy sell agreement with the owner. General Manager Olson noted that he was going to try to coordinate both the County engineers as well as the District engineers for the next Board meeting in September so that the District can decide the best direction for facility expansion.

New Well: General Manager Olson informed the board that the new well project is going back out for bid shortly.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Good, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022)